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## Fifty-Year-Old Fred's Super Dollar Store making Elba its newest home

by Linda Hodge, Staff Writer

Fred's Super Dollar Stores have been in business across the Southeastern United States for over 50 years, and Elba soon will be added to the long list of cities housing the business.

Construction of the store has been underway for a few months now, and Mike Russell, owner of Russell Construction, said the building should be ready to turn over to the Fred's people by the middle of April.

Once complete, he said the 10,000 sq. ft. heated and cooled building will offer a variety of items to the people of the community, as well as, an 1800 sq. ft. garden center and a drive-thru pharmacy.

"I wanted to bring a Fred's to Elba because I feel it will be great for the economy," Russell said. "There are more than 300 of these stores in the Southeast U.S., and they stock over 1,200 different items."

Bringing Fred's to Elba is something that Russell said he had been

working towards for a couple of years because the growth the business has shown in past years could bring a positive mark to the city.

According to Fred's Annual Report for 1997, both sales and earnings reached a new high during the year. Total sales for the year rose 18 percent to \$492.2 million compared to \$418.3 million in 1996. Net income for 1997 rose 69 percent to \$9.8 million or \$8.4 per basic share as compared to the \$5.8 million or \$5.50 per basic share the previous year.

Net sales for Fred's Super Dollar Stores also showed an increase by reaching \$74 million. This was a 17.7 percent increase from previous years, and \$42 million of the increase was attributed to the net addition of 48 store locations and 40 pharmacies during the year.

In his letter to shareholders, Michael Hayes, chief executive officer and president of Fred's, attributed much of the companies growth to its dedication of offering quality products to consumers.

"A Fred's will give people an

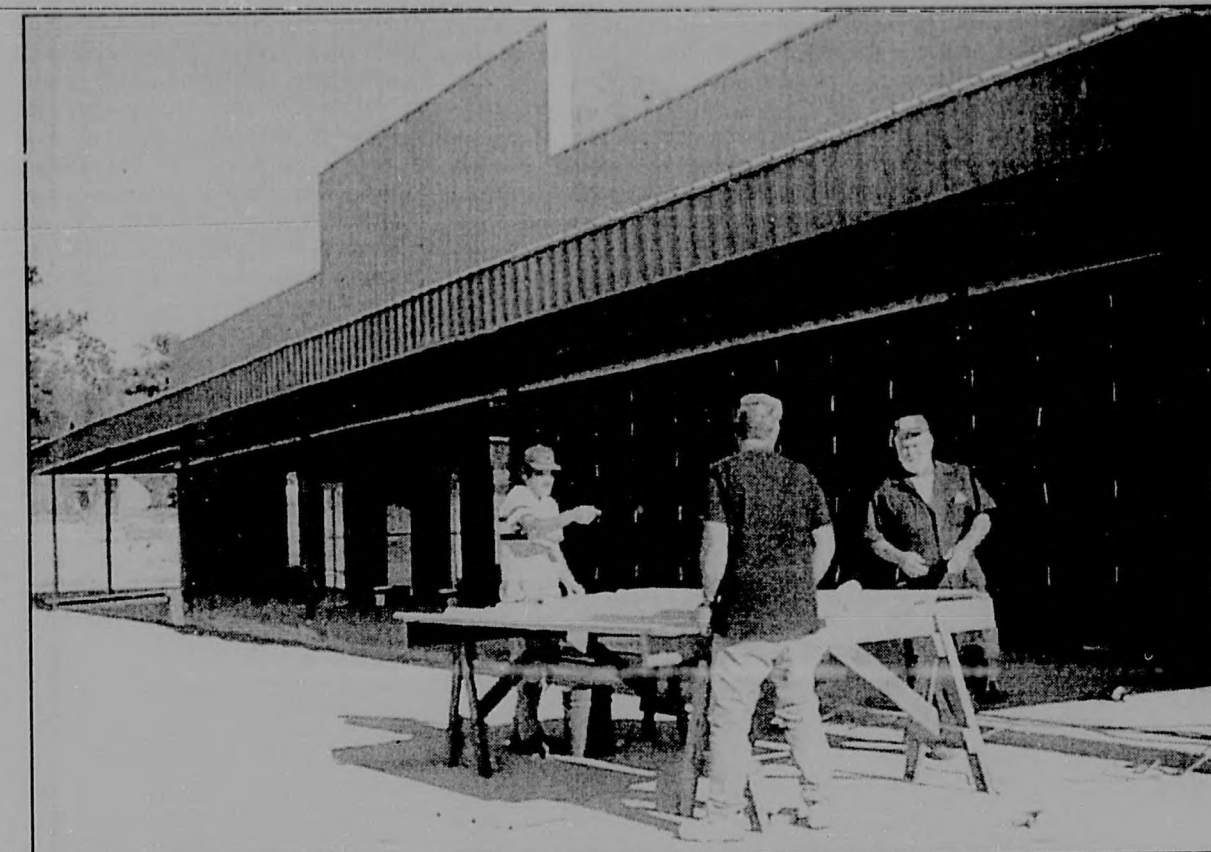
opportunity to shop more at home for their products," Russell said. "They carry everything from sporting equipment, cleaning supplies, clothes, lawn and garden equipment, and electronics to some furniture."

He said this will bring in many desired tax dollars for the city. But, tax dollars aren't the only thing the store will offer the city and people of Elba.

Russell said the store has already been good for the community as construction and much of the work has been completed or is being handled by local people. He added that when the store opens sometime around the middle of May or first of June, there will be approximately 24 or 25 employees and most of these people will be local people.

Russell said he is excited about bringing Fred's to Elba, and the people of Fred's seem to be excited about their new venture as well.

"Fred's is a working people's store," he said. "And, that's exactly the kind of people we have here in Elba. I think it's going to be a great relationship all around."



Employees of C&C Steel Constructors, the company contracted by Russell Construction to build the Fred's Super Dollar Store in Elba, prepare a sheet of metal siding to be placed on the building's front.

## Elba Police Department's two newest members introduced to city council

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council were introduced to two new Elba police officers Monday night. They also discussed drainage problems, from high on Highland Drive to the base of the Elba levee.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth introduced the two newest members of the police department. Mark Anderson has 14 years experience and Danny Richardson has been in police work for one year. Both plan to make their home in Elba.

Whitworth also told council members he is looking into two new federal grant programs which might be of benefit to Elba. One is to purchase bullet proof vests for officers and the other is to address youth violence.

Harold Berry told council members about an on-going drainage problem at his home on Highland Drive. He pointed out that he and his neighbors have been contending with this for many years, and it is only getting worse. The heavy rains of two weeks ago caused a retaining wall he constructed for water control to blow out. He also said that a two hundred foot 24" drain pipe



Elba Police Chief R. W. Whitworth (right) welcomes police officers Mark Anderson (left) and Danny Richardson (center) to the Elba Police Department.

paid for by him and his neighbor assured him this problem would be addressed.

The council approved a resolution with the local schools to continue the summer feeding program.

Grimes reported that possession of the old high school auditorium has been returned to the city and it is in the process of being inspected and estimates gotten on making the necessary repairs.

Grimes also informed the council that a HUD disaster recovery grant program to repair damage has more funds than originally thought and Elba's share is now up to \$427,387.50. This will be used for a project on Martin Luther King Drive and on Putnam Street. The additional funds will allow the drainage improvement on Putnam to extend to Claxton Ave. (at the Methodist Church) and connecting streets. The project will also include repaving the streets after the drainage improvements.

This HUD project includes a 25% local match, however Grimes says the city can do some in-kind work with the street department equipment, thus cutting down on the actual cash outlay.

City Clerk Donnie Morrow reported to the council that the utility department is actively working to complete the underground electrical connection to the new Fred's building on the bypass. Water and sewage connections to this building are complete. Morrow said that water and electric connections are complete to the Lawford/Purvis shopping center across from Fred's and the sewage connections are now underway.

Council member Harold Bannin questioned the clerk about several holes from removed power poles at the renovated Mulberry ball park. He noted the danger of broken legs

if they are not filled. The clerk assured him this problem would be addressed.

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Council member Winzell Gray reported that the Bros Club had a successful volunteer clean-up in the Mulberry area on Saturday and were planning to extend to a city-wide project soon.

## Area Happenings

**COMMUNITY-WIDE EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE** Westside Baptist Church will once again host the community-wide Easter sunrise service on April 4. The service will begin at 6:45 a.m. with breakfast following in the activities building. It is the sincere and heartfelt desire of the pastor and congregation of Westside Baptist Church that everyone in Elba join in celebrating the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**SAUSAGE FESTIVAL** Practice up on your best apple pie recipe. Try your special sausage dish on your family. Get a team together for the tug-of-war contest. Get out your best greased pole climbing outfit and get ready to have a good time! There will be lots of activities for children and adults, with arts and crafts and clogging. The First Annual Ole Time Country Fair and Sausage Festival is just around the corner. Make your plans to be at the Heart of Dixie Music Park on May 8th, located 4 miles west of Elba on AL Hwy. 166. The event is being sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call 897-3125.

**COUNTY BOE MEETING** The next regular meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education has been rescheduled for Thursday, April 15, 1999, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Central Office located in Elba.

**BAND DAY '99** Many Attractions are being planned to make Band Day '99 a fun-filled and entertaining day for all ages. Festivities will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 17, 1999, on the Courthouse square, downtown Elba. Read *The Elba Clipper* for further details in the coming weeks.

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission took little time in tending to county business and getting on about their own Monday morning.

Commissioners were done and gone in less than an hour. Most of the business took place during the "general business from the commissioners" portion of the meeting.

At the request of Commissioner Linda Westbrook, Coffee County Administrator Wilson Mobley read a resolution authorizing the application for incorporation of a Coffee County Water Authority. The three incorporators named in the application are Linda Westbrook, Al Britt, and Eddie B. Jones, all registered voters of Coffee County and property owners as required by state code. This is the first step necessary in creating a county-wide public water authority.

The commission adopted the resolution allowing the process to begin.

In connection with that same matter, Commissioner Westbrook recommended that a seven-member board of directors be appointed to the county-wide authority. Individuals recommended were: Dale Moseley, Cliff Ohlenburger, Austin Mixon, Leo Brown, Al Britt, Dr. James Paulk, and Darren Smith. The commission gave its approval.



Comm. Linda Westbrook

Commissioner Westbrook had some good news concerning the flood mitigation buy-out program. She said that notification has been received from the sheriff's department, be marked with decals. It was noted that sheriff's department vehicles used for investigation, undercover operations and the sheriff's car would be exempt from the requirement.

There are eight (8) individuals that have agreed to the plan, and the deeds are in the process of being prepared by the county's attorney. When this process is completed, the proper notification will be made and

the money will be paid to the individuals involved in the buy-out program. There were two (2) individuals who had signed up for the program but have since decided not to participate in the program.

Commissioner Robert Stephens requested that Co. Rd. 614 in the Goodman Community which "lacks 957 feet being completely paved" be finished by the county's highway department at their convenience so as not to interfere with previously scheduled jobs. He made a motion to that effect which passed unanimously.

Stephens commented that the road provides access to the Goodman Assembly of God Church.

Commission Chairman Kayo Lewis made a motion that all county-owned vehicles, including vehicles belonging to the sheriff's department, be marked with decals.

It was noted that sheriff's department vehicles used for investigation, undercover operations and the sheriff's car would be exempt from the requirement.

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## Grand jury indicts Enterprise man in grandfather's murder

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The grandson arrested and charged in the murder of his grandfather last week has been indicted on capital murder charges.

A special grand jury met Monday morning and returned an indictment of capital murder against Paul Edward Smith, 32, of 106 Mayflower Street, Enterprise. The first degree murder-robbery charge is because Smith allegedly killed his grandfather, Benjamin Franklin Smith, Sr., 94, while robbing him of a reportedly small amount of money.

An autopsy performed on the victim listed the probable cause of death as "multiple blunt force trauma to the head, neck, chest and abdomen."

Authorities believe that beating death of Smith took place between 11 p.m. and midnight on Saturday, March 13. His body was discovered by his son, Benjamin Franklin Smith, Jr. (the father of the suspect) who lived next door to his father in a mobile home. The front door of the elder Smith residence, a small brick home, was not locked and showed no signs of a forced entry

The back entrance to the dwelling was locked.

Investigators believe that Smith acted alone in allegedly killing his grandfather; however, nothing has been ruled out in the case.

Smith has been held in the Coffee County Jail since his arrest on Sunday, March 14. He was denied bail during his initial appearance before District Judge Steve Blair.

Monday morning, following his arrest on the grand jury's indictment, Paul E. Smith was arraigned before Circuit Judge Gary McAlley where he entered a "not guilty plea." He pleaded not guilty to the charge by reason of mental disease or defect.

The judge advised Smith that an indictment by a grand jury does not determine guilt or innocence, it merely determines probable cause that a crime was committed by the accused. He was once again denied bail by Judge McAlley and returned to the county jail to await trial.

No trial date has been set, and the investigation is continuing by the Coffee County Sheriff's Department and the 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's office.



## EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The weather is beautiful! This is one of those great introductions to spring and one can enjoy it in no better place than right here in South Alabama. We urge our readers to take time to enjoy the beauty God has given us in this part of the country. The early mornings are so nice, with the birds and animals actively feeding and going about their lives and the day breaks open. As the air warms up it becomes so nice to just drink in the spring air and study the spring flowers. Then come the afternoons which rival the mornings for beauty. Watching the sun set, the stars begin twinkling and the moon rising over the horizon can send a chill throughout our body. All this is more beautiful than our simple words can describe. It is a continuing wonder and thrill to stand alone and watch with nothing but wild personal thoughts racing unchecked through the mind. It can be even better if there is a friend or loved one watching with you and sharing the thrills the eyes are drinking in and the thoughts being inspired.

The old theatre building on the square has been sold and will be remodeled. Former owner Dennis Lawford said a couple of weeks ago that a deal was getting a new roof and will be usable for the first time since the 1990s. As this project makes progress, we will continue to be their cheerleading squad and keeping you informed.

The Bros Club did a good deed in Elba this past weekend. They spread out in Mulberry Heights with their trash bags and picked up mounds of trash. Even as they completed that project, the young men were already talking of expanding their area to clean up all of Elba! This would be a major project and will take more than the members of the Bros Club to get it completed. If you see them working, how about stopping to help?

The long awaited buy-out of Elba flood victims is finally underway. It has taken over a year, but the first set of paperwork about complete and city officials are expecting to present the first check either Friday or Monday. There are some people already approved for the buy-out who are refusing the federally allowed amount of money, which is their right. However, we hope they understand that there is no guarantee there will ever be another such offer available. If they later change their mind, due to more flooding or other reasons, and the money is not available, we will cry with them but that will be all we can do.



BROS CLUB members doing clean-up work last Saturday morning.



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## What is NAFTA doing to our textile industry?

by William K. Walsh  
Textile Engineering Department  
Head, Auburn University

We have seen a number of sewing plant closings in Alabama over the past few years. Since the textile and apparel industry is our state's largest manufacturing employer, these changes have generated considerable alarm and raised questions about the industry's health and future. Our textile and apparel industries are changing, but the changes will make it stronger and more able to compete in the global marketplace.

These changes are not trivial. The fiber, textile, and apparel complex ranks second only to the automobile industry in primary manufacturing. Ahead of paper, primary metals, aerospace, and petroleum it is second only to steel in importance to national defense, supplying over 10,000 separate items for military use. The textile industry alone spends over \$2 billion every year for new, more productive manufacturing equipment. In the southeastern states, it serves as the number one manufacturing employer and ranks high in importance in many other states.

These changes are not restricted to Alabama. Apparel employment nationally has declined by 25% since 1992. This is a recent phenomenon and it is accelerating. U.S. textile employment during the same period has decreased 12%. This decline is not recent, but has been going on for many years. It is associated with heavy annual capital investment in new technology, which produces much more fabric with less labor. Textile production is actually increasing during these changes. Over the same period, textile shipments, on a national level, have increased 17% (in dollars - not adjusted for inflation), while fiber

usage in pounds (which is not affected by inflation) has increased 19%.

A similar, but more dramatic picture can be seen in the state figures. State employment in fabric manufacturing has gone down by 10% while apparel manufacturing employment by declined by 32%. During the same period, textile gross state product has gone up 6% and apparel production has decreased 23%. Textile production is increasing and apparel production and employment are both decreasing.

These figures are at the root of the general misunderstanding of what is going on in the industry today. The explanation is that the domestic apparel manufacturing industry consumes just over 1/3 of fabric production. It is being shifted to Mexico and the Caribbean, but is still using U.S. fabric. NAFTA (the North American Free Trade Agreement) is given credit (or blame) for this, because it lowered tariffs and other barriers to trade in and out of Mexico and Canada. Out-of-country production actually started before NAFTA, with trade legislation that lowered tariffs on apparel made elsewhere, but with U.S. fabric. It was greatly accelerated by the devaluation of the Mexican Peso and other currencies that occurred soon after NAFTA was passed. The other 2/3 of textile output is divided between home furnishings and industrial/technical fabrics, which are much less seriously impacted by imports. These areas are relatively unaffected by the changes. It is important to note that a great many sewing operations will not have an incentive to move. Specialized companies that have a strong customer focus, have a special market niche, need a very quick response to orders, or tend to produce a high volume of small orders will not find

it profitable or necessary to move their production.

Why are these changes occurring? The real driving force behind this industry transformation is the ever-increasing surge of imports from outside our hemisphere - originally from Japan, then China, and now all of Asia and even Eastern Europe. These countries have the advantage of wages often less than one tenth of ours. With the current state of automation, the cost of labor in yam and fabric manufacturing is now a very small part of the total cost and U.S. fabric production is very competitive globally. Although there have been impressive technical achievements, the labor in sewing is still very high. Our manufacturers have reluctantly realized that the most effective way to beat competition from outside our hemisphere is to make fabric in the US and sew it in Mexico and the Caribbean. The figures show that the strategy is working - it is allowing U.S. apparel fabric manufacturers to increase domestic production in the face of growing and spreading competition from outside the hemisphere. Mexico has now surpassed China as the major exporter of garments to the U.S. and two thirds of the garments coming from Mexico contain US fabrics.

Russell Corporation in Alexander City is a vivid example of these changes in action. Russell, who makes yarn, fabric, and apparel, is the world leader in innovation for cutting and sewing automation. In their effort to reduce the labor in sewing, they introduced laser cutting and automated fabric handling and sewing to an extent unmatched by any other company. The economic

forces were overpowering, however, and the new technology was no match for the low labor costs that their competitors enjoy. Much of Russell's sewing will be done in Mexico and the Caribbean and will use fabric made by them in Alabama. Russell's costs will go down, earnings will go up, domestic production will actually increase, and Russell will emerge as a stronger, more viable company that can contribute to Alabama's economic health for many more generations.

Alabama has not been passive as these changes have occurred but has exerted strong leadership in support of the industry. The National Textile Center, funded every year through the Department of Commerce, is working through Auburn and five other universities to do research that will bring a new vision to our changing industry.

Alabama's congressional delegation, led by Senators Shelby and Sessions, and Representatives Calhoun and Riley has been stalwart in the effort to continue funding for this work and we should be proud of what they do for our state.

In summary, our textile industry is not declining, but growing and changing. The changes will make it more nimble, more competitive, better able to meet the needs of the consumer, and ultimately a stronger contributor to our state and national economy.

Production and employment figures from the U.S. Bureau of the Census, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the U.S. Department of Labor and the Center for Business and Economic Research at the University of Alabama

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## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of March 16, 1999, through March 22, 1999. They were: Kevin Balus, Omar Fleming, James Faulk, Randy Hartley, Betty Sams, Angela Chandler, Jimmy Davis, Vickie Lane, Brown Williamson, Marilyn Byrd, Virginia Berry, Katie Price, James Faulk, Jessie Hornsby, Clifton Matthews, Leslie Compton, John Hudson, Mikayla Fleming, Lorene Cole, Jonathan White, Charlotte Blackmon, Jessica Summerlin, Lela Tyson, Willard Coleman, Menefee, Crenshaw, Eleanor Price, Fannie Mitchell, James Clark, Johnny Manning, Bryant Ware, Ruth Cox, Corrine Williams, and Nellie Dean. Persons discharged during the same time period were: Jonathan White, Cubie Bell, Hilton Mitchell, Lorene Cole, Charlotte Blackmon, Corrine Williams, Katie Price, Mikayla Fleming, Linda Pruitt, Bryant Ware, Judy Boswell, Melissa Hutto, Tameka Coleman, Joe Johnson, Brown Williamson, Susan Bell, Angela Chandler, James Faulk, Vickie Lane, Omar Fleming, Johnny Peterson, Kevin Balus, Randy Hartley, Jimmy Davis, Jessie Thigpen, Jessica Summerlin, Virginia Berry, Marilyn Byrd, Leslie Compton, Lela Tyson, and Willard Coleman.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18 - River stage - 13.94 feet (6:24 a.m.); Routine activity.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19 - River stage - 10.58 feet (6:13 a.m.); Routine activity.

SATURDAY, MARCH 20 - River stage - 8.09 feet (6:23 a.m.); Panic alarm at Haywood Drugs (10:53 a.m.); Routine activity.

SUNDAY, MARCH 21 - River stage - 7.01 feet (6:29 a.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan (3:31 p.m.); Routine activity.

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## From The House...

by Congressman Terry Everett

Illegal immigrant law making a difference

One of the many achievements of the conservative Congress is the 1996 passage of immigration reform. According to published reports, this law is already proving successful in speeding up the deportation of illegal aliens from the United States.

Furthermore, a recent Supreme Court decision has upheld the immigration reform law against free speech challenges by illegal aliens.

The Immigration Reform Act in direct response to the desire of the American people to secure our national borders, penalize alien smugglers, and streamline removal of criminal and illegal aliens.

This legislation sought to reduce the number of illegal aliens crossing our borders (some 300,000 a year in 1996) through increased border patrol agents, increased resources for prosecuting illegal aliens, and streamlined rules and procedures for removing illegal, criminal and terrorist aliens.

On February 25, *The Washington Post* reported that the 1996 Immigration Reform Act has produced "record deportation levels" of illegal aliens over the past two years.

The paper stated that 171,154 illegal immigrants were expelled from the United States in 1998 - a 50 percent increase over 1997 levels.

Before the passage of the 1996 immigration reform law, many aliens had been able to avoid deportation by launching legal challenges against the Justice Department by charging the U.S. Government with violation of their free speech.

In such cases, aliens would claim that the government was attempting to deport them for their expression of controversial political views.

The Immigration Reform Act sought to remove such legal barriers (or legal loopholes) to the deportation of illegal aliens.

In support of the Immigration Reform Act, the Supreme Court ruled on February 24 that illegal aliens could not shield themselves from deportation by claiming free speech violation of their political views.

Justice Antonin Scalia wrote: "An alien unlawfully in this country has no constitutional right to assert selective enforcement as a defense against his deportation."

The Supreme Court ruling stems from a case in which the U.S. Government has been attempting since 1987 to deport seven Palestinians with links to a terrorist organization. The aliens claimed they were being selectively targeted because of their fundraising efforts for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP).

The PFLP has been characterized by the U.S. Government as a terrorist group which has opposed U.S. peace efforts in the Middle East. The aliens' deportation was blocked by a lower federal court until the Supreme Court issued its ruling upholding the Immigration Reform Act two weeks ago.

Americans should be pleased that their legal system is finally working for them and not for the benefit of illegal aliens, alien criminals and terrorists.

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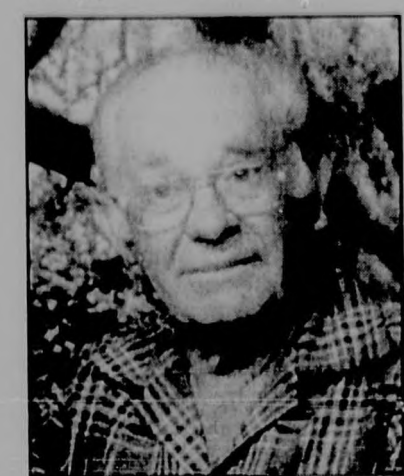
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## AREA DEATHS

## Coffee County Native Frank Hutchinson Dies

James Frank Hutchinson, 80, died at the Bay Pines VA Medical Center in St. Petersburg, Fla., February 28, 1999. Funeral services were held March 3, and he was laid to rest in a family plot in Seminole, Fla.



JAMES FRANK HUTCHINSON

Born in New Brockton on December 7, 1918, to Curtis and Willa Brunson Hutchinson, Frank was the youngest of 11 children. Other than spending his junior-high school years in Florida, Frank was educated in the New Brockton school system from which he graduated. He then moved back to St. Petersburg and joined the U.S. Army in 1940.

Frank, who turned 23 the day the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, was an infantry instructor at Fort Benning, Ga., and then went overseas where he fought in the North African campaign and in Europe. Serving alongside war-hero-turned-movie-star Audie Murphy, Sgt. Hutchinson was the recipient of two Purple Hearts and earned a Bronze Star after 420 days of combat. Commemorating his most notable battle at Italy's Anzio Beachhead, Frank was an active participant in the Anzio survivors association and regularly attended their conventions.

Upon returning to the states, Frank went to work at the Bay Pines Veterans Administration complex in St. Petersburg as a painter in the engineering department, and retired from there in 1973 after 25 years.

He is a past president of the St. Petersburg Painters Union and the Bay Pines Federal Employees

Union. Frank also served as past commander of the VFW Post 9272 in Seminole, Fla., plus he was a member of the Blind Veterans Association of Bay Pines, and the Chapter 13 DAV in St. Pete Beach.

Though he spent most of his adult years in Florida, few things made Frank happier than to return to Coffee County to visit family and friends, or to attend the annual Brunson Reunion in Elba. Many of his siblings, who have since passed on, spent their lives in Coffee County, including his brother Julian Hutchinson who lived on Hwy. 84 in New Brockton, his brother Willie B. Hutchinson who settled with his family in Elba, Matt Hutchinson who resided in Coffee County, and Roy Hutchinson Sr., who operated a country store in the 1970s in Enterprise at the intersection of Hwy. 84 and the Bypass. Frank knew that the cuisine and the hospitality of Elba was unmatched anywhere else, and he often claimed his fondness for coffee was a result of his home county's name.

Family was important to Frank, as was South Alabama history. In fact, Frank happened to have Judge Brunson's book "Pea River Reflections with him reading it when he was hospitalized in the Mids at Bay Pines for an war-inflicted injury. At that time, President Gerald Ford was touring the facility and stopped to chat with "Hutch" and signed his family book.

Frank was a proud and longtime subscriber to the Elba Clipper. His family tells us that the highlight of his week would be receiving the Clipper in the mail. Straining with a magnifying glass, the legally-blind Coffee County native would level in the news of home. Frank's daughter Darlene (a Troy State graduate) reports that she even read her father's last Clipper to him Saturday night, just hours before he passed on.

Frank's mother's family, the Brunsons, settled in Coffee County in 1853.

Frank Hutchinson is survived by his wife Jackie, a sister Annie Hutchinson Tyler of Seminole, Fla.; three daughters, Valerie Hutchinson of Atlanta, Ga., Karen Gerlach of Largo, Fla., Darlene Hutchinson of Falls Church, Va.; and two grand-

daughters Elizabeth and Jacque Walker of Largo. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made in memory of Frank Hutchinson, payable to "VAMC Bay Pines GPF 1086," and mailed to the Bay Pines VA Medical Center, Hospice Unit Ward 4B, P.O. Box 5005, Bay Pines, FL 33744. Although the Medical Center is subsidized by the federal government, special items and needs are provided through this unique fund to make these veterans' last days more pleasurable.

**MRS. EULA JANE GREEN**  
Mrs. Eula Jane Green, age 86, of Rt. 2 Box 244, Troy, died March 17, 1999 at Edge Regional Treatment Center.

Mrs. Green was a lifelong resident of Coffee County.

Funeral services were held March 20, 1999 at New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. Mack King and Rev. John Johnson officiating. Burial followed in the New Hope Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Green was preceded in death by her husband, William Thomas Green and a daughter, Ella Merle Coggins.

Survivors include three daughters: Brunell Eddington, Mansfield, La.; Guynette Smith, Jack, Peggy Shine, Columbus, Ga.; two sons: Joe Green, Jack, Thomas Green, Stone Mountain, Ga.; a brother: Willard Smith, Jack; 14 grandchildren.

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# LIFESTYLES



In Alabama Electric Cooperative's 1999 Washington Youth Tour contest, Tiffany Farris (second from left) was selected as the winner from Elba High School. Other finalists from Elba were (from left) Josh Lawford (runner up), Emilee Benbow, Brandy Phillips and Kimberly Ward.

## AEC selects youth tour winners

Tiffany Farris of Elba High School was among four area high school juniors selected as winners of the annual Alabama Electric Cooperative (AEC) Washington Youth Tour program. Farris and the other winners will represent AEC at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Youth Tour program in Washington, D.C., in June.

While in Washington, the local winners will join more than 1,000 students from across the nation and

attend seminars with national rural electrification leaders, meetings with their state's representatives in Congress and tours of historic sites in the nation's capital.

Josh Lawford of Elba High School was selected as a runner-up in the Youth Tour competition.

The winners and runners-up will attend the Alabama Rural Electric Association (AREA) annual meeting and Youth Tour program in April in Montgomery.

Alternates from Elba High School in AEC's Youth Tour competition were: first alternate Emilee Benbow, second alternate Brandy

Phillips and third alternate Kimberly Ward.

To qualify for the program, each participant prepared a research paper on some aspect of rural electrification. Students also had to answer in a single paragraph "What is the difference between an electric cooperative and a private power company?" The research papers were judged on content and knowledge of subject matter, and finalists participated in an interview and written test competition to determine the winners, runners-up and alternates.

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Barbara Hudson speaks to The Twentieth Century Study Club

The Twentieth Century Study Club held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 11, at the Elba Public Library. Mrs. Peggy Stroud, president, presided.

Elba's Aunt B. Mrs. Barbara Hudson, was introduced as guest speaker. Her presentation about bed and breakfast inns, here in our town and all over the world, was most interesting. She told of Elba natives, of several celebrities and many total strangers that had been welcomed into her home.

"There has never been an unpleasant experience with any," she said.

Mrs. Hudson also brought everyone up to date on the restoration of the old Coffee County jail.

Shannon Elizabeth Barbaree

Barbaree-Hudson wedding to be held April 3rd

Ms. Ann Renfroe Barbaree of Troy and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Marvin Barbaree of Goshen announce the engagement of their daughter, Shannon Elizabeth Barbaree, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Harris Hudson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mack Hudson of Elba.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Ms. Mildred Hixon Renfroe and the late Max Buford Renfroe of Banks and Mr. and Mrs. William Marvin Barbaree and the late Sarah Price Barbaree, all of Troy.

Miss Barbaree is a 1991 graduate of Charles Henderson High School. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in social work from Troy State University in 1998.

The future groom is the grandson of Ms. Ann Helms Kinsaul of Enterprise and the late George Marvin Hudson of Elba and the late Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Harris of Elba.

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The groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Les Coleman of Gantt and the late Lader Levens of Dozier.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, April 3, 1999, at 3 p.m. at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church of Gantt. All family and friends are invited to attend.

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## King-Watson wedding planned for March 27th

The marriage of Miss Catherine Ann King and Mr. Todd Brandon Watson will take place on Saturday, March 27, 1999 at 3:00 in the afternoon at the First Baptist Church of Elba.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul King and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Watson.

All friends and family are invited.

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## PASTOR'S CORNER

### Dr. TONY DYE, Pastor of WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

## How is Your Influence?

Matthew 5:16 says, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Max Jukes lived in New York. He did not believe in Christ or in Christian training. He refused to let his children to church, even when they asked to go. He had 1,026 descendants; 300 were sent to prison for an average term of 13 years; 190 were public prostitutes; 680 were admitted alcoholics. His family thus far, has cost the state in excess of \$420,000. They have made no contribution to society that is of any benefit.

Jonathan Edwards lived in the same state, at the same time as Jukes. He loved the Lord and saw that his children were in church every Sunday. He also served the Lord to the best of his ability. He had 929 descendants; of these, 430 were ministers; 86 became university presidents; 75 authored good books; five were elected to the United States Congress and two to the Senate. One of his descendants was vice president of this nation. His family never cost the state one cent but contributed to the state in an immeasurable way.

The power of your influence can and does have lasting consequences. As you and I think about our influence let us remember that our actions are the brush strokes that paint the future for our society and our world. "One life to live, soon it is past, only what's done for Jesus will last!"

Harris Temple COGIC to hold Testimonial Banquet

The Harris Temple COGIC Church family and pastor, W.K. Ellison, will honor Deacon Earnest Ellison Sr. with a "Testimonial Banquet" Saturday, March 27. The

banquet will take place at the Elba High School cafeteria at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the door or by calling 897-6728, 897-1614 or 897-2332.

Newbia Baptist Church Youth & Children's Choirs to present musical, "I've Been Redeemed"

The Youth and Children's Choir from Newbia Baptist Church will be presenting "I've Been Redeemed" Sunday, March 28, at 6 p.m. Pastor C.P. Davis and the congrega-

tion invite friends, family and neighbors to attend. Newbia Baptist is located on Coffee County Road 330.

MacArthur Technical College and Olsten Health Services to host "Living with Grief"

MacArthur State Technical College and Olsten Health Services will host "Living with Grief" at Work, At School, At Worship," April 14, 12:30-3:30 p.m., in the Chisum Health Sciences Building on the campus of MacArthur State. The broadcast will examine the ways loss and grief affect our inter-

action with others and the way we function in our day to day surroundings. Health professionals, clergy, educators, bereaved individuals, and anyone touched by grief should attend. Contact Sara Goolsby, director of nursing, MacArthur State Technical College, (334)493-3573 ext. 276 for details.

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# CHURCH

## Community-wide Easter Sunrise Service to be held at Westside Baptist Church

Westside Baptist Church will once again host the community-wide Easter sunrise service on April 4. The service will begin at 6:45 a.m. with breakfast following in the activities building. It is the sincere

and heartfelt desire of the pastor and congregation of Westside Baptist Church that everyone in Elba join in celebrating the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

United Methodist Marriage Encounter Weekend planned for April 23-25

A United Methodist Marriage Encounter Weekend is planned for April 23-25 in Gulf Breeze, Fla. The weekend is designed for married couples who desire a richer, fuller, marriage relationship and who want to continue to live the covenant embodied in the vows

they made to each other on their wedding day. The weekend is open to couples of any faith.

Registration deadline is April 12. Call Lin or Jerry in Mobile at (334)661-3722 for complete information.

Mt. Vernon Assembly of God to hold activity for Royal Rangers

Mt. Vernon Assembly of God, located just off Highway 189 North on County Road 330, will hold an

Gospel Singing to be held at Heavens Way

There will be a gospel singing at Heavens Way Church, Saturday, March 27. The church is located at 112 S. John Street.

The Good News Quartet from Opp will be the guest singers.

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Coming to THE CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT At NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DELIVERANCE MINISTRIES

On Friday, March 26 - 28, Apostle V.B. Washington from Detroit, Mich., will be at The Cathedral of the Holy Spirit at New Abundant Life Deliverance Ministries in Elba for a special healing and deliverance service.

In 1970 Apostle Washington founded and established the Trinity Deliverance Church. This ministry thrives on "Reaching the Unreachable and Touching the Untouchable" through the preached Word and outreach, and by radio broadcasting of "Deliverance to the Captives."

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NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

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Lozell Flowers, Minister Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Mon. Worship 11:30 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

J. R. Parks, Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship 11:30 a.m.

## ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA 897-2006

Round and About with Eria

Scripture: John 3:16 \*\*\*Thinking of you, praying for you. Eldon Manning, Johnnie Daniels, Jana Kelley, The Amos and Carpenter families, Rev. Henry Ewing Jr., Stella Tyson, Isaiah Franklin, Sr., Bobbie Caldwell, Pearl Mincey, Helen Thigpen, Versie Barnes, Patti M. Culver, Robert Daniels.

\*\*\*The annual Family and Friends Day will be held at Bethlehem Baptist Church on Sunday, March 28, at 2:30 p.m. Special sermon to be given by Rev. Danny Harris of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church in Troy.

\*\*\*The Rocky Head MB Church will host a musical workshop for ages 11 and up beginning March 29 through April 1 at 7:15 each night. A special concert will be held Saturday, April 3, at 7 p.m. Registration fee for the workshop is \$5.

\*\*\*The 11th Anniversary of the "Singing Echoes" will be April 4 at 3 p.m. at the Enterprise Civic Center. Guest groups include: New Gospel Harmonizers, Henry County Male Chorus, Flying Clouds Gospel Harmonettes, Gospel Travelers, Willie Lawrence and the Spiritual Five, Holy Five, The Spiritual Jubilees and Jordanians. Special guests include: Rev. Charles Davis and The Bright Clouds from Clayton and Troy, Ramey and the Soul Searchers from Atlanta. For more information, call 894-6271 or 894-5134.

\*\*\*Good Friday Services: The Mulberry Missionary Baptist Association Ministers Alliance at the Mulberry Educational Building in Elba at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 2.

Today is a good day, be grateful! Eria

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Services 7:30 Nightly March 26 - 28 Friday - Saturday

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VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH

John D. Johnson, Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH



## SCHOOLS

### Sophomores Prep For Grad Exit Exam

by Monique Ordon  
The Sophomores recently took the Alabama High School Graduation Exam as a pre-graduation exam. The pre-graduation exam was taken as a checkpoint leading to the Alabama High School Graduation Exam that will be taken in the spring of 2000. This year's exit exam consists of four subject areas: reading comprehension, language, mathematics, and science. The Alabama State Board of Education requires that any students receiving an Alabama high school diploma must pass all four subject tests. Once a subject test is passed, the student will not have to take that subject test again. Students will have four opportunities, if needed, to pass each subject test before exiting school. The pre-graduation exam will not count as one of those four opportunities, however, if a student passes one or more subject tests of this exam, they will be given credit toward graduation for passing the subject test(s).

Guidance Counselor Mike Carney and Special Education Coordinator Harriette Boyd along with EHS faculty members have been doing a lot to help the sophomores prepare for the test. Every day for the past four days review sessions are being held during 2nd block. Study groups have also been meeting to help the students better prepare themselves for the test.

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### Tiger Tales



Anna Maddox  
Editor  
Daniel Murdock

### Salary Strikes In Sports

by Daniel Murdock

In every small town, every big city, and on every farm there is a young kid out there with a dream of one day making it all possible. They dream of making their hopes of wearing a professional jersey to work everyday a possibility without ever asking for a dime, they simply want to play because they have a love for the game. However, many times this is not the case. Most of the professional athletes play not because they love the game but because of the millions that they will earn year after year. Such is the case in major league baseball, basketball, and hockey. These leagues have recently gone on strike against the managers in order to avoid a salary cap that will limit their already astronomical wages. This has had a devastating effect on the sports' economy as many fans have walked out on athletic competitions and gone to other forms of entertainment, while the players are left bickering not on the playing field but in their fancy suits and ties.

In 1996, the baseball season ended early when the players held a strike over a salary cap dispute and almost all of the games following the all-star break were canceled. Then the 1997 season started amid turmoil, as there came a threat of having replacement players to participate rather than the "real" pro athletes. When the players finally took the field, the fans expressed their disgust, and there was an attendance drop of close to 18 percent below the 1996 season atten-

dance records. The greedy owners and players could have very well tarnished baseball forever as many fans vowed to never watch a Major League Baseball game again. More recently, the NBA season was put on hold as the owners proposed a "hard" salary cap and stated that the season would not go on under the existing system. The players began to cry "foul" despite earning 57% of the league's annual 1.7 billion dollar revenue. The most surprising part of it is that the players do not think that they are being greedy at all and plead that their fans simply just "do not understand what is going on between the two sides." The anticipation of the NBA season dramatically declined as over fifty percent of the fans polled stated that their image of basketball was ruined.

Sports were intended to be played by players with a passion for the game and by players who wanted to give it everything they had simply because they loved to play. However, today's players seem not to care about the legacy of sports and are uninspired by the fun that lies behind it all. What makes it worse is that they seem not to care about the thing that matters most, the fans. It does not matter who is right, whether it is the owners or the players, one fact will be for certain: sports will never again live in the glory of the 60s or the early 90s unless they are played once again with passion for the game instead of playing for the passion of making easy millions.

### Continuing The Home Plate Tradition



Sophomore Brandon Salter pitches for the Elba Tigers

by Brad Holley

Elba City Schools opened their new facility in August of 1992. However, the new baseball field remained unused. After seven long years, thousands of dollars, and a lot of hard work, the field is finally ready to host a season for the Elba Tiger baseball players. On March 2, the EHS Baseball Tigers battled the Red Level Tigers in the season opener and claimed a 5-2 victory. With this win they continued the winning tradition that Elba High School has proudly held for so long. Head Coach, David Lowery, said, "It is very exciting to have our own field. It is a big advantage to play and practice on the same field, and I am looking forward to having a great first year on our new field."

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### Elba Marching Tiger Band Looking At New Uniforms

by Anna Maddox

As many people of Elba are well aware, the Elba band program has grown considerably over the past few years. This is a great reflection on the Elba City School system. However, this increases the number of players in the band has left the program lacking in the area of band uniforms. Although band director, Jeff Ellis, and assistant band director, Tom Maddox, agree that this is a wonderful problem to be faced with, it is not one that can be solved without a lot of patience and financial support.

The effort made towards getting new uniforms has been a great undertaking. The band members, Band Boosters, and other band supporting citizens throughout the community have worked, and continue to work in hopes of acquiring the amount of money needed to purchase new uniforms. Due to the cost of a new uniform, approximately \$350 each, along with the quantity needed, around one hundred uniforms, raising this substantial sum of money is not only an undertaking, but a challenge.

Besides there being a lack of uniforms, the ones currently being worn by the marching band are in crucial need of being replaced. Bought after the flood of 1990, these uniforms have surpassed their expected lifespan of between six to eight years. This situation certainly proposes an opportunity to replace the old uniforms with the need for quality and quantity.

Much is being done in support of getting new uniforms. The cancellation two recent of Band Days due to bad weather, among other things, has left a significant hole in the band account. Fortunately, with fund raising strategies sponsored by the students, and generous donations by people of the community, the band has received over half of the required sum in order to fund this worthy project.



Sophomore Bandmember Gunter Akridge models the uniform for next year's Marching Tiger Band

Anyone wishing to help with the purchase of new uniforms should contact Jeff Ellis at the Elba High School (897-2266).

### EHS Students Place In Tri-State Cattle Show Held In Dothan

by Diana Jackson

Recently three EHS students traveled to Dothan to compete in the Tri-State Cattle Show. This show is one of the most competitive shows in the state and invites all show cattle from Florida, Georgia, and Alabama to participate. Andy Waddell, a seventh grader at EHS, and newcomer to the cattle industry, won third place in his division of showmanship. Vaughan Boyd, a junior at EHS, won her division of showmanship and placed first in her class of medium weight steers. Vaughan has been showing cattle since she was in fourth grade.

Emily Bryan, a Senior at EHS, walked away with Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Steer. Emily has been showing cattle for ten years and this is her fourth Tri-State Championship.

On Monday, March 15, Carson Waters participated in the State Steer Show held in Montgomery. Carson won Reserve Champion with his heavy weight steer and received the honor of walking his steer in the S.E.L. Expo. Rodeo held Saturday, March 20. This is Carson's first State Championship and his seventh year showing cattle.

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## SCHOOLS

### Josh Grantham Named To Dothan Eagles's Super 12

by Josh Faircloth

The Dothan Eagle has started a recognition program for athletes in its coverage area. They have selected 12 of the best basketball players in the Wiregrass area. These 12 people will be exposed in an article yet to be released by the Dothan Eagle sports department.

Josh Grantham was selected because of his average of 19 points and 11 rebounds per game, and his all-around play during the season. Josh is 6'2" tall and has lettered in varsity basketball 3 years. He is the son of Ken Grantham and has one sister who is in Kindergarten. On being selected as one of the Wiregrass's top 12 players Josh said, "I am pleased that I was able to play well enough to be recognized in this group. I want to thank Coach Grantham for teaching me as much about basketball as he has."



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### ZC's Cultural Enrichment Classes

by Alisha Walker

Cultural enrichment classes consist of three, twelve week courses: Chorus, Introduction to Spanish II, and Computer Literacy. The classes have approximately 15 students each. Classes rotate every 12 weeks so that students can take all three courses.

Mrs. Rachel Bryan teaches the computer literacy course.

Computer literacy teaches basic principles of word processing, producing spreadsheets and setting up databases.

A spreadsheet application is a number management and analysis program. It allows for easy generation of calculations, projections, charts, and reports. Calculations are performed through a series of formulas and functions. Both formulas

### FBLA Members Finalist In District Competition

by Charlie Maddox  
Seventeen Zion Chapel students won positions as finalist in ten categories at the 1999 District IV Conference of the Future Business Leaders of America.

Tara Grant, Morgan Hodge, Jessica Kelly, Daphne Jirright, and Justin Law were finalists in Parliamentary Procedure; Michell McIntosh, Carissa Walker, Alisha Walker, and Kendra Ward in Entrepreneurship; Heather Arnold



Pictured above (l-r) are: first row - Dewayne Davis, Josh Faircloth, Blake Weeks, Justin Law, and Chan Grantham; second row - Kendra Ward, Michell McIntosh, Ceretha Towles, Daphne Jirright, Tara Grant and Morgan Hodge; back row - Carissa Walker, Alisha Walker and Jessica Kelly.

In Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure; Dewayne Davis in Business Law; Chan Grantham in Information Processing; Ceretha Towles in Computer Applications; Chastity Weed in Machine Transcriptions; Mallorie Bedsole in FBLA Principals and Procedures; and Blake Weeks in Business Calculations. (Heather Arnold and Mallorie Bedsole are not in the picture because they were taken the pilot version of the high school exit

exam while the picture was being made. Chastity Weed was not pictured because she was at honor band in Montevallo.)

The conference was held at Jeff Davis High School in Montgomery. Thirty-seven students attended the conference and they were chaperoned by Mrs. Rachel Bryan, Mrs. Anita Grant, and Mr. Randy Grant. The contest finalists will compete at the state conference in Montgomery in April.

### USA Junior Nationals

by Chan Grantham, Kendra Ward & Josh Faircloth

Four basketball players from Zion Chapel attended the USA Junior Nationals held in Tuscaloosa. Chan Grantham, Josh Grantham, Kendra Ward, and Rebecca Kidd were invited to Tuscaloosa to play basketball with other players chosen from around the state. The event started at 8 o'clock on Sunday morning. All players had to register for a team and get a jersey. Then they practiced until 9:15 a.m. This was when the first games started. There were 32 teams in all, half were boys and

half were girls.

The gym contained five courts each with different score board and officials. A coach was assigned to each court. Each player played three games and was guaranteed at least playing time for half the game. The games had 20-minute halves with the clock running continuously except for the last two minutes of each half. After the games were over there was a hot shot competition and a free throw competition for prizes.

Selected players will be chosen from each team to attend the Junior Nationals that will be held in Ohio.

### Two JV Cheerleaders Move To Varsity

by Kendra Ward

Because two junior varsity (JV) cheerleaders were moved to the varsity squad, a vacancy was created on the JV squad. Anna Edmondson was chosen for this position. She is the daughter of Lyn and Wanda Edmondson. She is 12 years old and in the sixth grade. This is Anna's first year as a cheerleader. She is looking forward to supporting Zion Chapel and showing lots of school spirit.

It has taken two weeks to get the pictures and the biographies of each member of the JV and Varsity cheerleader squads. This article contains the bio's we missed and it is accompanied by those cheerleaders who were not in the picture last week.

Kala Bunderick is the daughter of Teddy and Sandra Bunderick. She is 14 years old and in the 8th grade. Ashley Wambles is the daughter of Tim and Carla Wambles. She is 13 and in 8th grade. She has been a cheerleader for two years. She was Captain of JV her eighth grade year. She is on the varsity squad. The picture was in last week's paper.



Pictured above (l-r) are: Anna Edmondson, Daphne Jirright and Kayla Eddins

Ashley Wambles is the daughter of Tim and Carla Wambles. She is 13 and in 8th grade. She has been a cheerleader for two years. She was Captain of JV her eighth grade year. She is on the varsity squad. The picture was in last week's paper.

thing she likes most about cheerleading is bringing spirit to the fans. Kayla Eddins and Daphne Jirright had bio's in last week's paper but were unavailable for pictures. They are featured this week with Anna Edmondson.

### Student Intern

Zion Chapel High School will get a new student teacher in the high school science class. His name is Brad Smith, and he is graduated from New Brockton High School.

He will begin full time on April 5. He is majoring in general science at Troy State University.

When asked how he felt about interning he said, "I am looking forward to getting started with my teaching at Zion Chapel. I graduated from a Coffee County school and I love the people associated with it."

"Mrs. Jackie Jirright, my cooperating teacher, has helped me a great deal. She has taken away the fear factor of teaching for the first time. I can hardly wait to start."

### FHA Chapter News

by Cristy Houston

The Zion Chapel chapter of the Future Homemakers of America held its monthly meeting on March 11, 1999 in the high school auditorium. The meeting was called to order at 10:08 by Heather Arnold, presiding officer.

Roll call was suspended. Mr. Scott Kelley from Kelley Foods of Alabama came to the meeting to discuss the meat making process.

After a brief history of how the business came to belong to his family, he showed a video. The video

was of various activities that go on in the processing plant. Workers were shown boxing, packing, and cutting meats, as well as loading goods on to the trucks. He discussed the expansion of the company and the construction that has begun on a new building. The addition to the company plant will allow them to ship out orders faster and give them more space to work.

After Mr. Kelley's presentation, questions were asked and the meeting was adjourned.

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## SPORTS

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## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

I don't really know what the rest of the world's girls are wearing these days, but at the Mularz house the closets are filled with jeans, jeans and more jeans. Melissa has been in jeans for years and probably has at least one pair of just about every label known to man, while Melanie has recently joined her big sister and now has her closet filled with jeans of all kinds. Melissa will wear her jeans and boots no matter what the weatherman says; however, maybe when the weather warms up a little in the mornings, Melanie will pull out some shorts and leave the jeans on the hangers.

## ONCE OVER, NOT ALWAYS SO LIGHTLY....

\*\*\*The Elba Tigers pushed their record to 5-4 last week with wins over New Brockton and Sloccomb, and a loss to Red Level. The win over New Brockton was anything but boring as the two county rivals tangled in New Brockton, and when the final out was recorded the Tigers had escaped with a 17-16 decision. The players from Elba and New Brockton play together in summer leagues from the age of seven, and their friendly rivalry was evident in the game, as both teams battled until the final out, and then left the field still friends. The win over Sloccomb was a big one for the Tigers as they improved their record in area play to 2-0. Brandon Salter improved to 4-0 with the 11-1 win over the Red Tops, and this time got plenty of help from his teammates as the Tigers' bats were booming throughout the game. The Tigers have dominated their area opponents, and appear to already have a leg up on an area championship and a home game in the opening round of the playoffs. There is a lot of ball left to play, but the Tigers are beginning to roar!

\*\*\*The officials at Elba High had reportedly set the date of March 18 as the day a new football coach would be named to lead the Tigers, but since that date has come and gone, I guess that means the school officials are still looking. I heard last week that interviews were still being conducted, and that the large number of applications had forced the delay in the hiring of a new coach. I hope the people making the final decision will take their time, interview everyone that might be a prospect and make what they feel is the best choice to lead the once Elba Tiger football program back to the top.

\*\*\*The Elba Lady Tigers swept a twin-bill from Zion Chapel last week to nose their record above the .500 mark, at 4-3. The Lady Tigers received a total of 26 walks in the two wins, and really didn't get a lot of chances to swing their bats, but they did show that they knew the difference between a good pitch and a bad pitch, and took advantage of what their opponents gave them. The highlight of the two wins was the fact Elba failed to allow a single run in either game. Zion Chapel had only two runners reach third, and two more reach second in the two games combined, and the Lady Tigers committed only three errors in the double-header. There is a lot of softball left to play, but maybe the girls are beginning to get some confidence that they will need in weeks to come.

\*\*\*The Elba Lady Tiger Junior Varsity ran its record to 9-0 last week, and for the second straight year has been big winners on the diamond. While a perfect record is certainly something to be proud of, the fact that Elba's coaches have played everybody on the roster in each of the double-headers makes the feat even more remarkable. The Lady Tigers use their starting line-up in the opening game of a double-header, then empty the bench in the second game and use only three starters along with the eight reserves. The starting line-up has won its five games by a combined score of 82-9, while the second bunch has surrendered some runs, but has won all four of its games by a combined score of 74-53. The Junior Varsity has averaged over 17 runs per game this season, and could be on its way to a perfect season.

\*\*\*The NCAA tournament has now reached the "Final 4," and while some of the favored teams have been upset along the way, there are no teams that are upset with the money they have made for their conferences during the course of the annual event. The NCAA tournament means big bucks for everyone involved, and the split for the conferences is really huge. The amount the conferences get is based upon teams that make the tournament and the teams' number of wins. The conferences get one "unit" for every team that makes the tournament, and another for each victory. A "unit" this year is worth \$444,000, and like a lottery, the amount is prorated over a period of six years, which means winning a tournament game pays roughly \$74,000 a year for six years. The total TV money this season is \$215 million, of which \$55 million will go to the conferences that had teams that participated in the event. Another \$100 million will reward programs for the number of teams and scholarship athletes it supports, as well as insurance and academic tutoring for athletes, and emergency grants.

Back to the tournament...not the teams, but the leagues, get the money, and they then share the total among all the schools in the conference. An example would be Northwestern, which has never made it to the NCAA tournament. Despite never making a trip to the tourney, the Wildcats will get one-eleventh of the Big Ten's share of the winning, which now stands at over \$70,000 a year for the next six years. The biggest winners this year have been the Big Ten and the SEC, which could combine to get over \$16 million before the tournament ends. I know that Mississippi State was upset over not making the tournament; however, the \$70,000 a year for the next six years it will get for this year's SEC success should help. Also, this doesn't include the amount the conferences are already getting for tournament teams and wins over the past six years. When you take a look at the money that the school's make, it really is "March Madness!"

\*\*\*The Alabama High School Athletic Association is expected to release the student enrollment figures of its member schools this week, as well as the new classifications of its members for the 2000-2001 school years. While this has always been fun to watch, and to see which schools move up or down in classification, the changes this time will mean even more to the actual schools, since the AHSAA will also change from the "Area" set-up to the "Region" set-up for the 2000 and 2001 school years. The change will be made to do away with the two and three team areas, and supposedly help some teams get 10-game schedules. The change will also mean a lot longer road trips, because if the region alignment had been in effect this past year, Elba would have probably been in the region with Excel, Flomaton, UMS-Wright, Washington County, Leroy, Sloccomb and McIntosh. That would have been some long Friday night rides for the players, band and fans. Playing new teams will be fun, but the long road trips will put a strain on the budgets of the school and the fans. I'll pass along the changes as soon as I get my hands on them, and let you know what is ahead in the new century.

\*\*\*Former Pike County Bulldog coach Wayne Grant returned home last week when it was announced that he had been approved as the new head football coach at the school. Grant led the Bulldogs to their most successful seasons ever during his previous stint as head coach, and according to published reports will earn \$50,000 per year as the Bulldogs' head man. It may take Coach Grant a while to turn the Pike County program back around, but if it can be done you can bet he is the man to do it.

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## Improve record to 5-4

## Tigers bounce Brockton and Sloccomb



Elba's Brandon Salter (13) watches as a pitch comes in high and inside. Salter improved his pitching record to 4-0 last week with an 11-1 win over Sloccomb.

## Umpires are needed for baseball and softball league games in Elba

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation is seeking anyone 18 years of age or older who is interested in umpiring baseball and softball this spring and summer in Elba and New Brockton. All candidates should have some knowledge of the rules of the game; however, the department will train all

## Registration deadline is extended for Dixie Youth Baseball League

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has announced that it has extended registration for its Dixie Youth Baseball League until Wednesday, March 31. Last season Elba placed two teams in the four-team league; however, through last week a total of only 12 boys had registered to participate in the league.

The Dixie Youth Baseball League

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The Elba Tigers hit the field three times last week and claimed two big wins, including a key area win over Sloccomb, to improve their record for the season to 5 wins and 4 losses.

The wins came over New Brockton 17-16 and Sloccomb 11-1, while the Tigers lost to Red Level 13-11, in a game stopped in the sixth inning due to darkness.

"We hit the ball well in all three games and scored a lot of runs," stated Elba's Coach David Lowery. "We were far from perfect, but we had a number two pitcher to go to, and now we'll just be satisfied if we can find someone to just throw strikes. Our defense can stop the ball when it gets the chance, but when we walk batters there is nothing we can do. We just have to keep hitting the ball and hope that we can outscore some folks along the way."

Following are highlights of last week's three games.

## RED LEVEL 13

**ELBA 11**  
The Elba Tigers fell behind early and could never quite catch up last week in a 13-11 loss to the Red Level Tigers, in Red Level. The Tigers came out ready to play and grabbed a quick 4-0 lead in the top of the first. A lead-off single by Kevin Dodd, a walk to Dustin Stinson and a single by Brandon Salter loaded the bases, and the Tigers jumped on top as Josh Hodge, Bradley Bowers and Eric Jordan all followed with rib singles. A solo home-run by Bradley Bowers in the third gave Elba a 5-4 lead; however, Red Level combined four walks with six hits in the bottom of the third and plated seven runs to grab an 11-5 advantage. Brandon Salter singled in the fourth and later scored on an RBI single by Bradley Bowers as the Tigers pulled within 11-6, only to see Red Level add two runs in the bottom of the frame to extend its lead to 13-6. An RBI double by Josh Hodge and a three-run homer by Britt Grimes sparked a five-run outburst by the Tigers in the top of the fifth as Elba closed to within 13-11, but the game was stopped in the sixth due to darkness, and the Tigers absorbed the loss 13-11.

Brandon Salter got 5 hits to lead Elba at the plate, while Bradley Bowers added 3 hits and Josh Hodge got 2. Hodge was the losing pitcher for Elba.

ELBA 17  
NEW BROCKTON 16

The Elba Tigers jumped out to an early 11-3 lead and then held on in the final inning to outscore the New Brockton Gamecocks 17-16, Thursday afternoon in New Brockton.

A lead-off double by Kevin Dodd sparked a first inning outburst by the Tigers, with key hits coming off the bats of Brandon Salter, Josh Hodge, Bradley Bowers and Pete Manning. The Gamecocks cut the lead to 6-3 in the bottom of the first, but the Tigers were far from done, and added five runs in the second to stretch their lead to 11-3. The five-run second was highlighted by the hitting of Josh Hodge, Eric Jordan, Bradley Bowers and Derrick Duncan. Elba failed to score in the third and fourth innings as New Brockton closed to within 11-9, but plated two runs in the fifth to take a 13-9 advantage. A lead-off double by Dustin Stinson sparked the Elba rally, while Josh Hodge added an RBI double and later scored on a fielder's choice. New Brockton kept right on scoring and pulled within 13-11 in the bottom of the fifth, only to see the Tigers also continue to light up the scoreboard with two more runs in the sixth. The sixth inning runs came when Derrick Duncan tripled, Kevin Mitchell walked, and both runners raced home on a double by Dustin Stinson. The Tigers carried a 15-12 lead into the seventh inning and plated two runs on rib singles by Derrick Duncan and Kevin Dodd to go up 17-12. However, the Gamecocks plated four runs to pull within 17-16, and the Tigers escaped with the wild win after Brandon Salter came in with two outs and got the final out of the game to save the win.

Bradley Bowers pitched three innings and allowed four earned runs to get the mound win for the Tigers. Josh Hodge got 4 hits and collected 3 runs batted in to lead Elba at the plate, while Kevin Dodd got 2 hits and knocked in 3 runs. Dustin Stinson added 3 hits and 3 RBIs, Bradley Bowers got 3 hits and 3 RBIs, Derrick Duncan got 3 hits and scored 3 runs, and Brandon Salter got 2 hits and knocked in 1 run.

**ELBA 11  
SLOCOMB 1**  
The Elba Tigers improved their record to 2-0 in area play Friday night with an impressive 11-1 win over the Sloccomb Red Tops, in Sloccomb. The Tigers grabbed a 1-0 lead in the top of the first when Dustin Stinson singled in Kevin Dodd, and upped their lead to 2-0 in the third when Josh Hodge singled, stole second and third, and scored on a fielder's choice. Back-to-back triples by Kevin Dodd and Dustin Stinson, and a Sloccomb error, combined to give the Tigers two runs in the fourth as their lead went to 4-0. Elba plated seven runs in the fifth to take a whopping 11-0 advantage. The fifth inning fireworks began when Derrick Duncan drew a one-out walk, Adam Brooks followed with a walk and Kevin Dodd reached on an infield hit to load the bases. Consecutive singles by Dustin Stinson, Brandon Salter and Josh Hodge knocked in four runs, while Bradley Bowers drove in two more runs with a single and later scored to blow the game wide open. Sloccomb avoided the shut-out with a lone run in the bottom of the fifth, but it made little difference as Elba left town with the 11-1 win.

Brandon Salter pitched 5 innings, allowed 3 hits, one walk and struck out 13 batters to improve to 4-0 on the mound. Dustin Stinson got 4 hits and knocked in 3 runs to lead the Tigers at the plate, while Kevin Dodd added 2 hits and scored 3 runs. Brandon Salter added 2 hits and had 1 RBI, and Josh Hodge got 2 hits, had 1 RBI and scored 2 runs.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### UDC recognize persons for service on and off the battlefield at recent banquet in Enterprise

The United Daughters of the Confederacy recognized service on and off the battlefield during a luncheon they sponsored recently at the Citizens Bank community room in Enterprise.

The General Edmund Winchester Rucker chapter (Enterprise) of the organization awarded Crosses of Military Service to World War II veteran Henry Ralph Hodge and the late William DeVoda Jordan plus World War II and Korean Conflict veteran James Carl Helms. The club also took time to memorialize late UDC member Marion Willette Bundy O'Gwynn.

The UDC is the oldest patriotic organization in the country, according to Shirley Edberg, chapter president. Through historical, benevolent, educational, memorial and patriotic service, the club seeks to honor veterans, their families and others who have made contributions during wartime.

Those recognized at the luncheon were lineal descendants of people who served honorably in the service of the Confederate States of America or gave material aid to that cause.

Hodge, as a staff sergeant in the amphibious engineer (Army), earned two bronze stars in the Asiatic Pacific campaign and one bronze star in the Philippines among other decorations. A resident of Corsicana, Texas, Hodge's award was accepted by his sister, chapter member Helen Lewis.

Chapter member Lavinia Helms received the cross for Jordan, her father. Jordan served in the Army's 354th Harbortroop Co. stationed at Fort Gordon Johnston in Florida.

Mr. Helms, as a private first class in the Army during World War II, was responsible for delivering supplies to the front line troops. He served in all five major campaigns in the European theater of operations and later acted as logistical specialist in General MacArthur's headquarters in Tokyo during the Korean Conflict. He eventually retired from the service as a captain.

"My ambition from the age of 16 was to enter the military service and serve my country. It was a tradition I had been brought up in, and I wanted to follow in the steps of my ancestors," Helms said.

Active service defined Mrs. O'Gwynn, according to Mrs. Marion Brunson, UDC member who led the memorial honoring the late chapter member. Mrs. O'Gwynn died Dec. 2, 1998 at the age of 83. She had held various posts in the organization, even serving as historian up until her death.

"She was proud of her southern heritage and of her Confederate ancestor," Mrs. Brunson noted.

Guest speaker Dr. Kenneth Chaney delivered an address exhorting those present to remember why the Confederate soldiers made their sacrifices.

A member of the Dothan chapter of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (Col. William C. Gutes camp), Chaney detailed the major differences between the North and the South at the time of the war, including cultural, religious, political and economic. He noted that there were many issues separating the South from the North which eventually led to the South's secession, with slavery being only one of them.

"But the winners of the war write the history books. So they've tried to turn this thing into an abolitionist's war," he said.

Chaney asserted that those Confederate ancestors fought to defend their right to determine their own destiny as a people and compared the Confederates to those who fought against King George's rule in the American War for Independence.

"We did it in 1770 when King George went bankrupt, and we say, 'Well those guys are alright,'" he said.

"But now the nation says the ones in the 1860s that did that, they were traitors. Nonsense," he said.

"The southern Confederate heroes have been villainized by a distortion of true history."

Chaney encouraged the members of the UDC to keep up their membership and prospective members to join the club to aid in preserving the honor of those fallen.

Those interested in joining or finding out more about the UDC may contact Shirley Edberg at 894-6120 or Lavinia Helms at 347-6150.



In photo: from left, Helen Lewis, Lavinia Helms and James Carl Helms display the medals they received at the ceremony.

### Kinston Elementary to hold Kindergarten registration, Wednesday, April 28th

Kinston Elementary School will hold Kindergarten registration on Wednesday, April 28 from 8 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. The child being registered must be 5 years-old on or before September 2, 1999 in order to attend. Please bring your child and the following information to registration: birth certificate,

immunization forms, social security card, proof of residence (utility bill, apartment/home lease, etc.). It is important to note that students and parents/guardian must reside in Coffee County. Hearing, vision and speech screening will be provided.

Students must be five years of age before September 1, 1999 to be enrolled in the state sponsored kindergarten. Parents must bring their child's certified birth certificate, social security card and blue immunization certificate with them for registration. The children being registered for the fall should not come for registration.

### Jennifer Y. Brunson named training ammunition manager of the year

Mrs. Jennifer Young Brunson attended the TRADOC Civilian Training Ammunition Manager's meeting held at Virginia Beach, Va. on March 16. During the meeting, she was recognized as the 1998 Training Ammunition Manager of the Year and was presented a plaque for her achievement.

Brunson competed with 29 other women for this honor. Currently, she works as a civil service employee in Ft. Rucker.

### Elba Elementary to hold Kindergarten Registration

Elba Elementary School will hold Kindergarten registration Thursday, April 8, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and Friday, April 9, from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. in the Elba Elementary School conference room. Parents are urged to register their child on this date. Having an accurate count of the 1999-2000 school year will allow the school to make better plans for these students.

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Their older sister, Kelli, and many family members and friends helped Kaleb and Kyle celebrate their birthday.

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## Covington Electric Co-Op planning festive 1999 membership meeting

An exciting agenda is planned for Covington Electric Cooperative's 1999 membership meeting to be held Thursday, April 8, at the Kiwanis Fair Building south of Andalusia, on Highway 55/29 (Southern By-Pass). CEC members, their families and friends, are encouraged to attend. Some seating will be available, but feel free to bring your lawn chairs.

Registration will begin at 3 p.m.; entertainment starts at 5:30; and the business session starts at 7 p.m. The Inspirations, as well as the Davis Brothers, will entertain during the meeting. The Inspirations have sold more than 2 million records earning them a gold plaque from Canaan Records as the first gospel singing group to sell more than a million recordings for Canaan.



The Davis Brothers: Shown here is The Davis Brothers who will also entertain at the Covington Electric Cooperative meeting. This gospel music group has been singing together since 1965. Their musical heritage has its roots in Sacred Harp Music. Their singing style is southern gospel.

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More than 30 attendance prizes will be given to lucky co-op members at this year's meeting. The major prizes to be given away are a 1992 Dodge Ram 50 pick-up truck with 4-speed automatic transmission, air conditioning, AM/FM radio and power steering; a 20-inch color TV with remote control; a videocassette recorder (VCR) with rotisserie; a 1.0 cubic-foot microwave oven; and \$150 cash.

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When the county attorney, Dale Marsh (standing/sitting in for Kenneth Fuller) was asked for an opinion, he said, "Well they are county property. I don't know why you couldn't do it." He agreed underinvestigative sheriff's vehicles should be exempt.

"I think that the taxpayers, the resident of Coffee County, are paying for these vehicles and they should know when they see them," said Lewis.

The chairman's motion passed unanimously. County Engineer Randy Tindell was assigned the task of designing a deal that would meet the needs of all departments of the county.

In other matters of business, Tindell asked all the bids received and opened during the last meeting on the undergarment repair of a bulldozer be rejected. They were tabled after being opened.

"We're going to do a little small stuff and try to get about six more months of use out of the undergarment before we replace it," said Tindell.

He asked for and received approval to send out bids for geotextiles. This is silk fence and filter fabric used along side the roadway at a construction site.

Tindell informed commissioners of a request that his department had received from "a group of individuals" that Co. Rd. 327 be closed.

He pointed out that the road only affected one land owner, and he had given his approval for the road to be closed.

Tindell requested a resolution be passed giving him permission to proceed with the legal process in officially closing the road. He explained that the road is very short stretch (less than a quarter of a mile) of dirt road connecting Co. Rds. 306 and 330 in the vicinity of the Newbia Baptist Church. The only reportedly high use of the road is by "four-wheelers" playing on it after it rains. Commissioners gave their approval to proceed.

At the recommendation of the county engineer, the commission gave the chairman, Kayo Lewis, permission to enter into contractual agreements with other counties, municipalities, and garbage collection contractors concerning the use of the county's landfill. He will present contracts to them for one year, two years or three years for their consideration with the rates being \$25.50 per ton, \$24.50 per ton, and \$23.50 per ton respectively.

Finally, Tindell recommended approval of a preliminary plat on Brawleywood Subdivision located off Co. Rd. 537. He noted that there was a minor error on the drawings and once it was corrected, the plat would meet the requirements of the county's subdivision regulations. Commissioners gave their approval provided the necessary corrections are made to the plat drawings.

After signing bills, the commission adjourned until its next meeting to be held on Monday, April 12, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton.

### Geneva plans 23rd Annual Festival on the River Road Race & Fun Run

The 23rd Annual Festival on the River Road Race and Fun Run is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, beginning at 7:30 a.m.

The race will start and end at River Oaks Golf Course in Geneva. There will be a 5-mile run and fun run. The 5-mile run will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the fun run will immediately follow. Registration for the races will begin at 6 a.m. and free parking will be available for the runners at the golf course.

Age groups for the five mile road race are 14 and under, 15 to 19, 20 to 24, 25 to 29, 30 to 34, 35 to 39, 40 to 44, 45 to 49, 50 to 54, 55 to 59, 60 and above. Age groups for the fun run are 7 and under, 8 to 9 and 10 to 12.

Entry fee for the road race is \$12 in advance and \$15 on race day. Cost of the fun run is \$2. Deadline for early registration is April 17.

An awards ceremony will be held immediately after the race at the Golf Course Clubhouse. Awards will be given to the first place male and female, masters male and female, and to the first three finishers in each group. T-shirts will be given to all five mile race entrants.

Awards for the fun run will be given out to the first place male and female, first three places in each age group, youngest male and female finisher. Ribbons will be handed

out to all participants under age 13. (All entrants must be under the age of 13 to receive an award.)

All vehicles going to the road race should be in the right lane of traffic and must pick up their parking pass at the Health Department.

The races are sponsored by Wiregrass Medical Center and the Geneva County Medical Society. For more information and entry forms contact Patricia Sasser (334)684-3655 or Faye Smith (334) 684-6582.

Vietnam Vets of America Chapter 373 will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Clayhatchee Community Center. The meeting has been moved back one week because of the school break and Easter holiday. For more information, call 598-8804 or 347-1246.

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**EXPERIENCED BODYMAN.** All degrees of experience considered, tools a plus, pay based on knowledge. Don't apply if you have a problem with female leadership. Apply in person at 532 N. Claxton-Cowart's. 3-18-2ip

**LOOKING FOR OTR DRIVERS,** and Owner Operators. Must have Class A CDL. Conventional Truck. No Hazmat. Trailers, Hauling, AL, GA, and FL. Home weekends. BCBS. Call 347-2529 Larry, Chris Lindsey. 3-25-1c

**THE COFFEE COUNTY FSA OFFICE** in New Brockton, Alabama is now accepting written quotations from interested parties for seasonal housing for aerial photography in Coffee, Pike and possibly other counties. Airplanes must be made ready to accept camera equipment furnished by the FSA Office. Pilot must be qualified with a valid commercial license. Quotations will be accepted through March 29, 1999. Call (334)894-5581 for more information. 3-18-2ip

**AIR FORCE.** Great career opportunity available for high school grads, ages 17-27. Plus up to \$9,000 enlistment bonus if you qualify. For an information packet call 1-800-423-5104 or visit www.airforce.com 3-18-2ip

**ALABAMA DRIVERS** Academy is in need of truck drivers. Experience necessary. Short haul and long haul available. Call 1-888-703-7483. Web address: Truckdriverstraining.com

**AN OPPORTUNITY** to join one of the companies in the motor vehicle industry. Burlington Motor Carriers, Carolina Division. Hiring company drivers, owners / operators. Great benefits. Excellent pay / benefits. Great miles / home time. Kenworth trucks. Lease / Purchase Program available. Liberal payback schedule. 1-800-467-3259

**ATTENTION:** Drivers and teams - be your own boss. Lease purchase program on new equipment. No upfront money. Excellent earnings potential scheduled time off. Must be 25 years old. 2 years OTR. Don't wait call 1-888-382-0331. (R)

**ATTENTION:** Truck drivers! No experience needed. CDL training provided. Earn up to \$978.00 / week - no employment contract. We need Alabama trainees and experienced drivers. 1-800-616-5055. (R)

**AVON PRODUCTS:** Start your own business. Work flexible hours. Enjoy unlimited earnings. Call toll free: 1-888-942-4053. (R)

**CDL DRIVERS:** 95% home on week-ends. One year experience. Great benefits. Guarantee pay package for new drivers. Call Ricky today for more information. 1-800-844-6458. (R)

**CONTINENTAL EXPRESS** needs OTR and regional drivers. Voted among the top 10 small carriers. Paid benefits. 90-95% no touch freight. 1-800-727-4374. 1-800-365-1337. EOE. (R)

**DRIVER - COVENANT** Transport - \$1,000 sign-on bonus for experienced company drivers. 1-800-441-4394. Owner operators - call 1-888-667-3729. Bud Meyer Truck Lines R/registered hauling. Call toll free 1-877-283-6593. Solo drivers and contractors. (R)

**DRIVER - Inexperienced?** Learn to be an OTR professional from a top carrier. Great pay, executive-style benefits and conventional equipment. Call today. U.S. Xpress. 1-800-879-7743. (R)

**DRIVER:** Up to \$700 / week. 100% home. No touch freight. 1-877-763-7483. Owner operators starting base rate of up to \$12 / mile. Call toll free 1-877-634-9770. EOE. (R)

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**DRIVERS.** Home, family owned since 1928 offers top opportunities. Regional start 24-26 hour home weeks. + OTR. 29.34¢ / mile. Home every 9-12 days. Up to \$600 orientation pay. Assigned conv., benefits. 1-800-441-4271. B-38

**DRIVERS.** Howard Transportation has new flatbeds, pay scale 24¢-32¢ loaded / empty, based on experience and weekly miles run, plus pickup, drop, layover, tarp. Must be age guarantee. 401K, health, accident, life, dental insurance. 97¢ - 99¢ conv. tractors. Will cross train box drivers to flatbed. Also leasing O/O's. 1-800-447-7798. 3-18-2ip

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# LEGAL NOTICES

## LEGAL NOTICE

In the Juvenile Court for Coffee County, Elba, Alabama  
Case No. JU-88-94.11  
IN THE MATTER OF JERMAINE LEE JONES, A MINOR CHILD  
NOTICE TO: CLARENCE E. COPEL, Address & Whereabouts Unknown

Please take notice that a petition to terminate parental rights in the above styled cause has been filed in said Court by the Coffee County Department of Human Resources and that the 13th day of May, 1999, at 1:30 o'clock p.m. has been set for hearing same in said Court in the City of Elba, Coffee County, Alabama. Please be advised that if you intend to contest this petition, you must appear and plead to or answer same on the day set out above.

COME this 1st day of March, 1999.  
/s/ JIM ELLIS  
CIRCUIT CLERK  
3/11, 18, 25chg.

## LEGAL NOTICE

I, Eddy Disotell, will not be responsible for any debts other than those made by me personally.

/s/ Eddy Disotell  
3/2/99  
3/4, 11, 18, 25 pd

ESTATE OF ANGELA MELISSA KNIGHTON  
DECEASED

PROBATE COURT  
PC-99-10

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 4th day of March, 1999, by the Hon. WILLIAM O. GAMMILL, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Kabresha Goosby  
/s/ Personal Representative  
3/11, 18, 25chg.

ESTATE OF ESSIENE NELL W. KENDRICK  
DECEASED

PROBATE COURT  
PC-99-11

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/s/ Rosemary K. Crook  
Personal Representative  
3/11, 18, 25chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA  
ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JOE BOB GIBSON  
DECEASED

CASE NO. PC-99-08

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Bonnie Fay Claveria, as Administratrix of the Estate of Joe Bob Gibson, deceased, on the 4th day of March, 1999, by the Honorable William O. Gammill, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Bonnie Fay Claveria  
Bonnie Fay Claveria Personal Representative  
3/11, 18, 25chg.

ESTATE OF Patricia Ann R. English  
DECEASED

PROBATE COURT  
PC-99-15

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 9th day of March, 1999, by the Hon. William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ William A. English  
Personal Representative  
3/18, 25, 4/1chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA  
ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VERA LINDA A. SMITH,  
DECEASED

CASE NO. PC-99-14

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/s/ James Lester Smith  
Personal Representative  
3/18, 25, 4/1chg.

## MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that certain Mortgage executed on the 27th day of March, 1998 by Charles W. Hood and Tammy D. Hood, husband and wife, as Mortgagor, to C.H. Enterprises, Inc., as Mortgagee, which said Mortgage is recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Coffee County, Alabama, in OR Book 78, Page 425, on March 31, 1998 and subsequently assigned to Green Tree Financial Corp., Alabama which is recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Coffee County, Alabama, in OR Book 78, Page 432, on March 31, 1998 and default having continued under the terms of said Mortgage, and by virtue of

Alabama Code Section 35-10-3 and 35-10-2, the following described real property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, during legal hours of sale, on the 8th day of April, 1999.

LOT 2, SLEEPY HOLLOW SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 213 IN THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE, ENTERPRISE, COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA, TOGETHER WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS SITUATED THEREON.

TOGETHER WITH a security interest in that certain 1998 Ford 26 OAK HAVEN home, serial number 8U620562KAB.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying said real estate mortgage debt and costs of foreclosure.

KENT D. MCPHAIL,  
DUMAS & MCPHAIL, L.L.C.,  
Attorney for Mortgage Holder  
1000 University Street  
Mobile, AL 36602  
334-438-2333  
3/18, 25, 4/1chg.

## MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by FRANK L. STINSON AND WIFE, FRANKIE C. STINSON, to ARMY AVIATION CENTER F.C.U. on NOVEMBER 18, 1987, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of COFFEE County, Alabama, at MORTGAGE BOOK 224, PAGE 527, the undersigned ARMY AVIATION CENTER F.C.U., as mortgagee (or transferee), under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, at the entrance of the Courthouse of ENTERPRISE, Alabama, on APRIL 8, 1999, between the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in COFFEE County, Alabama, to wit:

LOT 18, BLOCK E, N. THE 3RD ADDITION VALLEY STREAM SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF ENTERPRISE, ALABAMA, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OF PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE PROBATE JUDGE OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA, TOGETHER WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND SUBJECT TO SUCH RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AS MAY BE RECORDED IN SAID PROBATE OFFICE.

Subject to all easements, restrictions and reservations appearing of record. Said sale will also be made subject to any Federal Tax Lien and/or Special Assessments of any nature, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the property.

The property is being sold "as is, where is". Said property is sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use or enjoyment. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure.

ARMY AVIATION CENTER F.C.U.,  
Mortgagee-Transferee

Leonard N. Math  
Chambliss, Math, Moore & Brown, P.C.  
P.O. Box 230759  
Montgomery, Alabama 36123-0759  
334-272-2230  
3/18, 25, 4/1chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA  
ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT RUFUS MANN, DECEASED

CASE NO. PC-99-13

## NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 11th day of March, 1999, by the Hon. William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jeff W. Kelley  
Brandi Nicole Mann  
Personal Representatives  
3/18, 25, 4/1chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA  
ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SYBIL MANN, DECEASED

CASE NO. PC-99-12

## NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 11th day of March, 1999, by the Hon. William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jeff W. Kelley  
Personal Representative  
3/18, 25, 4/1chg.

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms of the mortgage executed on the 28th day

of June, 1988 by Edwin C. Lowrey and Corinne P. Lowrey, husband and wife, in favor of First Federal Savings and Loan Association of the Wiregrass and recorded in Mortgage Book 87 A, Pages 293-297 in the Probate Office of Coffee County, Alabama. Said mortgage was acquired by Colonial Bank by assignment dated the 25th day of June, 1998 and recorded in OR Book 1, O.A. Page 115 in the Probate Office of Coffee County, Alabama. Said default continuing the mortgage, under power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at auction for cash to the highest bidder on the steps of the Coffee County Courthouse in Enterprise, Alabama, during legal hours of sale on the 8th day of April, 1999, the following described real estate embraced in said mortgage, situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to wit:

Lots 15 and 16 of Block B of the Morrow Subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 17, Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, LESS AND EXCEPT The West 36.0 feet or said Lots 15 and 16, being 36 feet by 200 feet, and all buildings and improvements located thereon.

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Keith C. Kantack, Esquire  
Strote & Permutt, P.C.  
P.O. Box 4229  
Montgomery, AL 36102-4539  
(334) 261-3400

Attorneys for Mortgagee  
Colonial Bank  
Mortgagee - Transferee  
3-18, 25 & 4-1-chg

## STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Covington Electric Cooperative, Inc. is the recipient of Federal financial assistance from the Rural Electrification Administration, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and is subject to the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture which provide that no person in the United States on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, or handicap shall be excluded from participation in, admission or access to, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any of this organization's programs or activities.

The person responsible for coordinating this organization's nondiscrimination compliance efforts is Charles E. Ed Short, General Manager. Any individual or specific class of individuals, who feels that this organization has subjected them to discrimination may obtain further information about the statutes and regulations listed above from and/or file a written complaint with this organization, or the Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250; or the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Washington, D.C. 20250. Complaints must be filed within 180 days after the alleged discrimination. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible.

3/25chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA  
ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARION J. SANDERS, DECEASED

CASE NO. PC-99-17

## NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY EXECUTORS

Letters Testamentary under the Will of said deceased having been granted to Virginia J. Sanders, Kenneth Marion Sanders, Mary Kathryn Sanders Haynes, and John Carl Sanders on the 18th day of March, 1999, by the Hon. Bill Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Virginia J. Sanders, Kenneth Marion Sanders, Mary Kathryn Sanders Haynes and John Carl Sanders  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES  
3/25, 4/1, 8chg.

ESTATE OF CHARLES R. JINRIGHT  
DECEASED

PROBATE COURT  
PC-94-49

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/s/ Betty J. Cronin  
Personal Representative  
3/25, 4/1, 8chg.

## LEGAL NOTICE

I, Chuck Donald Daugherty, will not be responsible for any bills created by Angela Michelle Daugherty or any other individual. I will only be responsible for those bills I create personally.

/s/ Chuck Donald Daugherty  
3/25, 4/1, 8, 15pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA  
ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM CURTIS SMITH, DECEASED

CASE NO. PC-99-16

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/s/ Helen Snow Smith  
Personal Representative  
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## NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain Real Estate Mortgage executed by Chasley D. Whitehead and Lillian Whitehead, husband and wife (both deceased), to the United States of America, United States Department of Agriculture, acting by and through the

Farmers Home Administration, or its successor, dated April 15, 1988, recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Elba Division, Alabama, in Mortgage Book 86-A, Pages 573-576, and.

The entire indebtedness secured by the said Real Estate Mortgage having been declared due and payable as there-in provided, the undersigned, the United States of America, acting through its authorized representative, under and in compliance with the power of sale in said Real Estate Mortgage, will proceed to sell at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder in front of the Elba Courthouse of said County, during the legal hours of sale, on the 15th day of April, 1999, the following described property conveyed by said Real Estate Mortgage, to wit:

A lot or parcel of land in the City of Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, together with the dwelling and other improvements thereon and being more particularly described as follows: Lot No. 17 of Edgewood Park Subdivision, according to the plat of said subdivision recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 88, in the Office of the Judge of Probate in Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, together with the dwelling and other improvements thereon.

Note: One-half interest in gas, oil, and mineral rights is reserved to a former owner of said property. Subject to all mineral rights, easements, covenants or other interest of record.

The proceeds of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness to the United States of America, other charges and the expenses of sale as provided in said Real Estate Mortgage to the United States of America. This 25th day of February, 1999. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
By: Horace H. Horn, Jr.,  
State Director  
Rural Development, acting on behalf of the Rural Housing Service, successor in interest to the Farmers Home Administration, State of Alabama  
United States Department of Agriculture  
3/25, 4/1, 8chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA  
ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF BILLY JAMES BAGGETT AND BRANDON DWAYNE BAGGETT

CASE NO. PC-99-21

## NOTICE TO JENNIFER ANN MOYAR

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Jennifer Ann Mojar, the natural mother of Billy James Baggett and Brandon Baggett, must answer the petition of Gus Grant, Jr. and Carrie Grant for adoption of said children by June 20, 1999 or the Court shall declare the said Jennifer Ann Mojar to be in default and proceed to hear the petition of Gus Grant, Jr. and Carrie Grant to adopt said children. An answer must be filed, in writing on or before June 20, 1999, with the Coffee County Probate Court, Coffee County Courthouse, Elba, Alabama 36323.

ORDERED and DECREED this 22nd day of March, 1999.

/s/ William O. Gammill  
Probate Judge  
3/25, 4/1, 8, 15chg.

## PREPARATIONS MADE FOR BAND DAY '99

Elba Band Day '99 is shaping up to be the biggest and best ever! Entertainment, carnival games, concessions, and auction items are being added daily to the day's already overflowing list of events.

Coca Cola will be providing a concession wagon where Elba Band Boosters will be selling Coke products, hamburgers, hot-dogs, and other items. In addition to food and fun, some of the area's finest entertainers are scheduled to appear. Included in the lineup are the Elba Elementary, High School, and Jazz Bands.

To add to the day's attractions, many area merchants have donated auction items to be offered up for bids at 1 p.m. These and many other attractions are planned to make Band Day '99 a fun-filled and entertaining day for all ages. Festivities will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 17, on the Courthouse square, downtown Elba.

/s/ Betty J. Cronin  
Personal Representative  
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CUB SCOUT PACK 37 WOLF and Bear Dens visited The Elba Clipper on Tuesday, March 9. The visit was a learning experience for the scouts as they were shown various steps taken towards getting the paper ready for print each week. Visiting the paper were: Jeremy Grissett, Lenell Shirley, Drew Ellis, Quentin Caldwell, Sam Williams and sponsors, Ben Williams and Wanda Shirley.

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